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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

14. (currently amended): A chemical and biological warfare agent decontaminating solution, ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:  
a surfactant composition;  
a peroxygen compound; and,  
an effective amount of bleach activator for decontamination of a chemical and biological warfare agent, wherein the peroxygen compound and bleach activator are mixed in a the surfactant composition in a ratio of from about 1.5:1 to about 4:1 prior to contacting a warfare agent.
15. (original): The decontaminating solution of claim 14, wherein the surfactant composition comprises a microemulsion.
16. (currently amended): A kit ~~for preparing a peroxy-carboxylic acid decontaminating solution~~ comprising the chemical and biological warfare agent decontaminating solution of claim 14 ~~prior to mixing.~~
17. (currently amended): An in-situ generated ~~peroxycarboxylic~~ peroxycarboxylic acid composition for decontaminating chemical and biological warfare agent formed from the process ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of the step of mixing a decontaminating effective amount of a peroxygen compound with a bleach activator, in a ratio of from about 1.5:1 to about 4:1, in a surfactant composition, wherein the peroxycarboxylic acid is generated in-situ

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prior to contacting a warfare agent.

18. (currently amended): The in-situ generated ~~peroxycarboxylic~~ peroxycarboxylic acid composition of claim 17, wherein the surfactant composition comprises ~~further comprising a~~ microemulsion.
19. (currently amended): The in-situ generated ~~peroxycarboxylic~~ peroxycarboxylic acid composition of claim 18, comprising a peroxygen compound of hydrogen peroxide, a bleach activator of nonanoyloxybenzene sulfonate (NOBS), and a microemulsion of didecyl methylamine oxide, decyl dimethylamine oxide, decane, water and sodium carbonate.
20. (currently amended): The in-situ generated ~~peroxycarboxylic~~ peroxycarboxylic acid composition of claim 18, further comprising a buffer ~~wherein the in-situ generated peroxycarboxylic acid composition is formed immediately prior to use.~~
21. (New): A chemical and biological warfare agent decontaminating solution, consisting essentially of:
  - a surfactant composition;
  - a peroxygen compound;
  - an effective amount of bleach activator for decontamination of a chemical and biological warfare agent, wherein the peroxygen compound and bleach activator are mixed in the surfactant

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composition prior to contacting a warfare agent;

water;

a buffer; and,

optionally, a hydrocarbon component.